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## CATTLE INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2018

### ARIZONA

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all cattle and calves in Arizona totaled 1.00 million head, up 3 percent from the January 1, 2017 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 187,000 head, were up 3,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 7,000 head from last year to 203,000 head. Arizona's 2017 calf crop, at 310,000 head, is down 3 percent from 2016.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2018 and percent changes from 2017 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 5 percent to 36,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 10 percent to 105,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 17 percent to 29,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 4 percent to 275,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 20,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 26 percent to 145,000 head. The total inventory included 274,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, up 8 percent from last year.

### COLORADO

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all cattle and calves in Colorado totaled 2.85 million head, unchanged from the January 1, 2017 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 809,000 head, were up 4,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 11,000 head from last year to 166,000 head. Colorado's 2017 calf crop, at 830,000 head, is unchanged from 2016.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2018 and percent changes from 2017 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 5 percent to 180,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 100,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 6 percent to 550,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 5 percent to 810,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 55,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 3 percent to 180,000 head. The total inventory included 1.00 million head of cattle and calves on feed, up 6 percent from last year.

### MONTANA

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all cattle and calves in Montana totaled 2.55 million head, down 4 percent from the January 1, 2017 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 1.50 million head, were up 11,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows decreased 1,000 head from last year to 13,000 head. Montana's 2017 calf crop, at 1.48 million head, is up 2 percent from 2016.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2018 and percent changes from 2017 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 8 percent to 390,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 22 percent to 7,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 13 percent to 223,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 9 percent to 210,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent to 105,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 19 percent to 105,000 head. The total inventory included 45,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, unchanged from last year.

### NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all cattle and calves in New Mexico totaled 1.51 million head, up 6 percent from the January 1, 2017 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 483,000 head, were up 18,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 7,000 head from last year to 332,000 head. New Mexico's 2017 calf crop, at 640,000 head, is up 5 percent from 2016.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2018 and percent changes from 2017 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent to 105,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 18 percent to 130,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 6 percent to 95,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 8 percent to 130,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 14 percent to 40,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 5 percent to 195,000 head.

### UTAH

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all cattle and calves in Utah totaled 800,000 head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2017 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 338,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year. Milk cows increased 5,000 head from last year to 97,000 head. Utah's 2017 calf crop, at 375,000 head, is down 1 percent from 2016.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2018 and percent changes from 2017 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 12 percent to 75,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 9 percent to 50,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 60,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 80,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, down 7 percent to 25,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 10 percent to 75,000 head. The total inventory included 20,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, unchanged from last year.

WYOMING

The January 1, 2018 inventory of all cattle and calves in Wyoming totaled 1.32 million head, down 1 percent from the January 1, 2017 inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cows, at 714,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged from last year at 6,000 head. Wyoming’s 2017 calf crop, at 660,000 head, is unchanged from 2016.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2018 and percent changes from 2017 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 14 percent to 160,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 33 percent to 4,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 1 percent to 136,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 9 percent to 175,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 40,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, unchanged at 85,000 head. The total inventory included 70,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 7 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES

All cattle and calves in the United States, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 94.4 million head, 1 percent above the 93.7 million head on January 1, 2017.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.1 million head, were 1 percent above the 40.6 million head on January 1, 2017. Beef cows, at 31.7 million head, were up 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.40 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 20.2 million head, 1 percent above the 20.1 million head on January 1, 2017. Beef replacement heifers, at 6.13 million head, were down 4 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.78 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.33 million head, were 4 percent above a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 16.4 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2017. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 2.25 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2017. Calves under 500 pounds, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 14.4 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2017.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.0 million head on January 1, 2018. The inventory is up 7 percent from the January 1, 2017 total of 13.1 million head. Cattle on feed, in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, accounted for 82.0 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2018, up 1 percent from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) is 26.1 million head, 2 percent below one year ago.

The 2017 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 35.8 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2017 were estimated at 26.0 million head, up 2 percent from the first half of 2016. Calves born during the second half of 2017 were estimated at 9.81 million head, 27 percent of the total 2017 calf crop.

All inventory and calf crop estimates for January 1, 2017 and July 1, 2017 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, January 1, 2017 all cattle and calves increased by 0.1 percent and 2016 calf crop increased slightly. July 1, 2017 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.4 percent, all cows and heifers that have calved decreased by 0.7 percent, and 2017 calf crop decreased by 1.4 percent. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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